



## Fort Stanwix National Monument 2005 Calendar of Events

Visit Fort Stanwix National Monument, where our shared heritage comes alive and where you can explore the sights and sounds of the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Discover how people endured harsh lives along the Oneida Carrying Place, the superhighway of the 18<sup>th</sup> century, and how a strong American resistance at Fort Stanwix in 1777 contributed to victory at Saratoga – a turning point in the American Revolution. The National Park Service and our partners have planned a diverse array of special events and daily programs that will both entertain and educate visitors of all ages. From interactive programs to living history demonstrations and musical concerts there is a lot to do at Fort Stanwix. So come ***Experience Your America!*** at Fort Stanwix National Monument.

## Things You Can Do Every Day

**Plan Your Visit at the Visitor Center in the Gregg Barracks**  
**Open Daily 9 am – 5 pm April 1 - December 31**

- Check out our daily programs and special events detailed throughout this guide.
- Stop by our Eastern National Bookstore and pick up one-of-a-kind gifts and souvenirs.
- See “Siege-1777” a 20 minute film that tells the story of the events of the 1777 siege at Fort Stanwix.
- See changing exhibits and the fort diorama in the visitor center. See how the Mohawk Valley of New York was turned into disarray during the American Revolution.



- Explore the fort on your own with our free self-guided walking tour. This tour will take you through the many areas within the fort’s walls and describe how the fort functioned during the 18<sup>th</sup> century.
- Ask a Park Ranger about a soldier’s life, and drill like they did in 1777.
- Become a Junior Park Ranger today by picking up your activity book in the visitor center.
- Sign your enlistment oath with a quill pen and declare your allegiance to the Crown or to Independence.
- Build your own fort in the visitor center.



# ★ Summer Daily Programs ★



June 25<sup>th</sup> – August 27<sup>th</sup>



Fort  
10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
11 a.m.  
1 p.m., Tuesday to Thursday  
War  
1 p.m., Friday to Monday  
2 p.m.  
3 p.m.

18<sup>th</sup> Century Artisan Demonstrations  
Historic Weapons Demonstration  
The Oneida during the Revolutionary War  
Soldiers Day  
Historic Weapons Demonstration  
Gone, But Not Forgotten



Center  
10 a.m. & 1 p.m. Defending the Oneida Carrying Place  
(Center to Fort tour)  
11 a.m. Tuesday Exploring Preservation and Education  
(Tour of the Willett Center)



## ★ Living History Programs & Encampments ★

Watch history come alive

**April 16<sup>th</sup>**

### **Breaking Winter Encampment**

Come visit the troops as they begin to train after a winter of rest. This year, Fort Stanwix will highlight the 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1780 Loyalist and Indian Raids of New York. *Encampment runs from 9-5 on Saturday. Programs ongoing throughout the day.*



**May 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>**

### **French and Indian War Encampment**

The British are coming - and the French! Come visit with the first troops that defended the Oneida Carry, and those who they are protecting the area against. *Encampment runs from 9-5 on Saturday, and from 9-3 on Sunday. Programs ongoing throughout both days.*

**October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

### **Native American Encampment and Trades Fair**

See the fort from a different perspective! Come and visit as the First Americans inhabit the fort, and discover what the soldiers and native people were able to teach, and learn, from each other. *Event runs 9-5 Saturday.*

**November 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>**

### **Veteran's Day Weekend Troop Muster**

Soldiers fill the fort again as the campaign season winds down for another winter in the Northeast. As the soldiers end a busy year of conflict, watch as they drill one final time, and remember the veterans past and present that continue to fight for freedom. *Event runs 9-5 Saturday, and 9-3 Sunday.*



## ★ Children ★



**April 18<sup>th</sup>**

### **School's Out at the Fort**



Give children something fun to do on school holidays. This immersion program for children ages 7 and up explores 18<sup>th</sup> century family activities, such as; cooking, textiles, and trades. 1 to 3 p.m.

**May 30<sup>th</sup>**

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**July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, & 30<sup>th</sup>**

### **Saturday Family Fun at the Fort**



The Rome Historical Society and Fort Stanwix team up again to bring back wonderful music and art projects to the fort's lawn for the 3rd year! This program is designed for children, and is also a great family event.

12 noon-2 p.m.

**September 5<sup>th</sup>**

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**October 10<sup>th</sup>**

### **School's Out at the Fort**

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**November 11<sup>th</sup>**

### **School's Out at the Fort**

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**December 24<sup>th</sup>**

### **School's Out at the Fort**

Give children something fun to do on school holidays. This month's program for children ages 7 and up includes story time, museum scavenger hunt, popcorn snowball crafts and refreshments. 10 to 12 a.m.



Have a Park Ranger from Fort Stanwix visit your school or organization. Programs can be scheduled on their own or as an orientation to a visit at the fort. For more information, contact Fort Stanwix at 315-336-2090.

## ★ Teacher Development Programs ★



**April 21<sup>st</sup>**

### **Teacher Enlistment**

School teachers will be introduced to this park's educational programs during the orientation program. 3 p.m.

**April 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>**

### **Teacher Cantonment**

School teachers will encamp at Fort Stanwix, gaining 1<sup>st</sup> person experience in life at Fort Stanwix in 1778. 9 a.m. Saturday through 9 a.m. Sunday

Plus, there are all kinds of special events happening throughout the season.

See pages 3 thru 7 for details on unique interactive programs, reenactments, special talks and concerts.



# ★ Special Talks ★

listen as history comes alive!



**April 14<sup>th</sup>**

## **Lunch Break Series at the Rome Historical Society**

This program explores moving the Fort Stanwix Museum Collections to the new Marinus Willett Center, and what can be expected. Craig Davis, Collections Manager at Fort Stanwix National Monument, will outline the approaches envisioned for future collections management at the fort.

12 noon



**May 7<sup>th</sup>**

## **The Women of Fort Stanwix**

For Mother's Day join this intriguing program that explores the lives of women at Fort Stanwix in 1778. 1 p.m.

**June 18<sup>th</sup>**

## **The Men of Fort Stanwix**

For Father's Day join this intriguing program that explores the lives of men at Fort Stanwix in 1778. 1 p.m.



# ★ CONCERTS! ★



**May 28<sup>th</sup>**

## **Dance and Be Merry Concert**

18th century balladeer Linda Russell returns to Fort Stanwix for a concert of lively and educational colonial music. The concert concludes with an English Country dance, so bring a partner and your dancing shoes! Gates open at 6:00 p.m., event ends at 8:30 p.m.

**July 30<sup>th</sup>**

## **Honor America Day Parade and Syracuse Symphony Concert**

Start the day by watching the city's annual parade, led by the soldiers and ladies of the fort! This evening, bring a blanket or a lawn chair and enjoy a concert played by the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra. A grand illumination concludes the concert as cannons, muskets, and fireworks accompany the Overture 1812 and Stars and Stripes Forever. Concert begins at 7:00 p.m.



# ★ Interactive Programs ★

See history come alive!



**April 18<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>**

## **NPS Week**

Join us as we celebrate National Parks Week. Parks from around the state and the country will be highlighted throughout the week. *Events happening every day.*

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

## **Gansevoort Arrives**

Students from around the Rome City School District will portray members of the 3rd NY Regiment, and share in the excitement as Colonel Peter Gansevoort arrives to take command of the fort.



**August 3<sup>rd</sup>**

## **The Siege Begins**

From August 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1777, British forces under the command of General Barry St. Leger laid siege to Fort Stanwix. Events this day commemorate the beginning of the siege.

**August 6<sup>th</sup>**

## **Willett's Sortie/ Battle of Oriskany Commemoration**

The Tryon County militia and Oneida Indian allies, coming to the aid of Fort Stanwix, were ambushed by British forces at Oriskany, and turned back at "the bloodiest battle" of the American Revolution. That same day, Lt. Col. Willett and 250 men triumphantly left the besieged fort and destroyed the Loyalist and British Native Ally camp.



*Oriskany Cannon Salute at 10:00 a.m.*

*Willett's Sortie, Including Me! (Children's Program) Begins at 1:00, runs through end of sortie*  
*Willett's Sortie Reenactment - 2:00 p.m.*

*Solemn Ceremony at Oriskany - 6:00 p.m.*

**August 8<sup>th</sup>**

## **Defend to the Last Extremity**



On this day in 1777 Continental Army Colonel Peter Gansevoort wrote the immortal words that he would not surrender the fort to the British besiegers. Children will write letters of appreciation to servicemen around the world with quill and ink. *1 p.m.*

**August 23<sup>rd</sup>**

## **Siege Ends**

On this date in 1777, British forces under the command of General Barry St. Leger ended the siege against Fort Stanwix. To commemorate this event, there will be 2 special programs:

*Flag Raising Ceremony - 11:00 a.m.*

*Journal Writing for Children - 2:00 p.m.*

**September 15<sup>th</sup>**

## **Naturalization Ceremony**

This annual event embodies the principals on which this nation was founded. Come watch and celebrate with the newest citizens to the United States. *Event begins at 11:00 a.m.*

**September 17<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>**

## **Constitution Week**

Step up and sign your name to the Constitution! This week celebrates the adoption of this important historical document. A reproduction copy of the Constitution will be on display, as well as other items from the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia.



**September 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>**

## **"A Taste of Rome" Arts Festival**

While you are enjoying the sights and sounds of what Rome has to offer, stop into the fort and have a look around! *The fort will be open from 9-5 daily.*

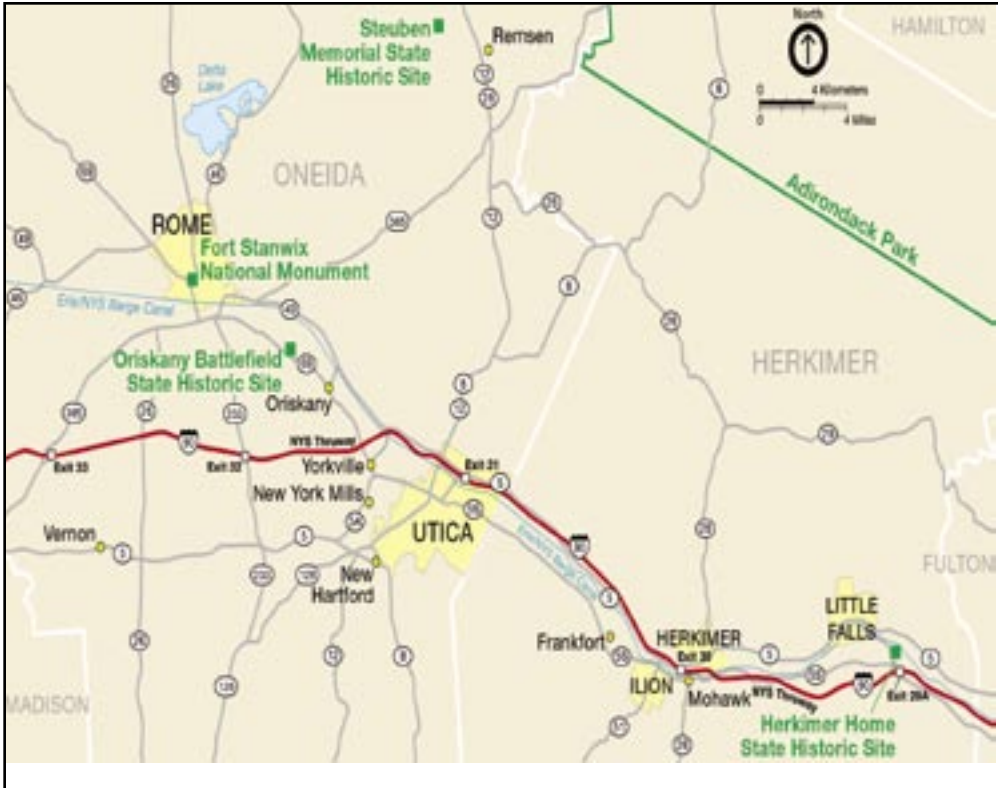
**November 26<sup>th</sup>**

## **Colonial Holiday Open House**

The sights and sounds of an 18<sup>th</sup> century colonial holiday fill the fort, celebrating the cultural diversity of the soldiers and their families. Discover how the traditions of the Christmas tree began, what culture gave us candles in our windows, and much more! *Event runs from 5:00 p.m. through 8:00 p.m.*

# ★ Fort Stanwix National Monument ★

part of the Mohawk Valley Heritage Corridor



Extend your stay for more than a day! Contact the Rome Area Chamber of Commerce at (315) 337-1700 for more information about these and many other attractions in Rome, New York:

- Rome Historical Society
  - Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier
  - Gravesite of Francis Bellamy, author of the Pledge of Allegiance
  - Erie Canal Village
  - New York State Cheese Museum
  - Rome Art and Community Center
- Contact the Oneida County Convention and Visitors' Bureau (1-800-426-3132) for more information about these and other historical attractions, just a short drive from Fort Stanwix National Monument:
- Oriskany Battlefield State Historic Site
  - Steuben Memorial Historic Site
  - Herkimer Home State Historic Site
  - Shako:wi Cultural Center
  - Delta Lake State Park
  - Pixley Falls State Park

# ★ Saratoga Battlefield ★

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**British Training Weekend** - Saturday and Sunday, May 21 & 22. The cold winter is ended and the new campaign season begins. Soldiers drill, officers strategize, and women attend to the army as it prepares to quell the rebellion. Come and see what they're up to! Saturday 10am-4pm, Sunday 10am-3pm.

**Jolly Rogues** - Saturday and Sunday June 4 & 5. Performing on both sides of the "pond," this popular band of talented musicians and singers invites tapping, clapping and sing-along to their intriguing repertoire of 18th century shanties, romantic ballads, tavern songs and children's ditties. Saturday at 7pm and Sunday at 1:30pm.

**Children Program Series** - Thursdays, July 7, 14, 21, 28. Games, toys, clothing, dancing, cooking and candle-making are just some of the activities for children ages 5 and older. Free programs - please call ahead for locations. Thursdays at 1pm.

**Tuesday Concert Series** - Tuesdays at noon on August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30. Bring your bag lunch and lawn chair, sit back and enjoy beautiful views while listening to outdoor "Music on the Menu" concerts. Performers to be announced. 12 noon.

**18th-Century Day** - Sunday, August 14. Step back in time, as the historic Schuyler House grounds come alive with activities typical of the late 1700's. Puppet shows, music, oxen cart rides, barn-raising, blacksmithing, quilting, basket-weaving, candle-making, and more. Sponsored by Old Saratoga Historical Association. Noon-5pm.

**Battles of Saratoga 228 Anniversary** - Stillwater Heritage Days Saturday and Sunday, September 17 & 18. Cannons boom, muskets crack and campfires burn as 50+ re-enactors from the Oneida Nation and 25th Continental Regiment bring to life the turbulent days of 1777. Discuss battle strategy with re-enactor officers, learn about one-pot recipes or stitching styles from camp-followers, or join the rebel cause and take part in mock military drills. 10am-4pm.

**Candlelight Tour of the General Schuyler House** - Saturday, October 15. Old Saratoga Historical Association members in period costume join park staff and volunteers to guide visitors through the candle-lit atmosphere of General Philip Schuyler's 1777 country house. Tours may be limited to first floor after 8pm. 6-9pm.



# ★ BECOME A VIP! ★



## ★ Join the Volunteer in Parks program. ★



### Crafts Training for VIPs

For the people already enrolled in our VIP program, come learn 18<sup>th</sup> century techniques for various crafts, such as woodworking. *Saturdays 10-12 a.m. January to March*

### VIP Training

Be a part of Fort Stanwix National Monument! Join the Volunteer-in-Parks program, and find out some of the many ways that you can have fun while being of service to a national agency. *Saturdays 1-3 p.m., January to March*

**December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

### St. Barbara's Day Celebration/VIP Appreciation

Who does St. Barbara protect at the fort? Come find out, and help us toast another wonderful year to our volunteers! *Event begins at 1:00 p.m.*



## ★ The Marinus Willett Center ★

**July 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>**

### Grand Opening of the Willett Center

Join the park for the opening of the Marinus Willett Collection Management and Education Center.

The Marinus Willett Center will provide visitor education and interpretation activities as well as museum collections space for over 400,000 museum artifacts.



The Willett Center project represents a partnership between the National Park Service, the City of Rome, Oneida County, the State of New York and the Oneida Indian Nation. The new facility will be named after Marinus Willett who was second in command at Fort Stanwix in 1777 during the Revolutionary War.



The facility will be located on the south grounds of Fort Stanwix National Monument. Included in the Willett Center will be new visitor orientation exhibits and audio-visual programming, visitor amenities (e.g. restrooms, bookstore sales area), meeting space, collections storage and workspace.

